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Celebrating the Class of 2020



The college continues to celebrate The Class of 2020. Recent graduates recently received personalized gift boxes with personalized diploma covers and an insert of the Rev. Dr. Ron Robinson's "Blessing of the Graduates," four copies of the Commencement program, the Bohemian yearbook, a commemorative recipe booklet with cocktail recipes from faculty and staff, a special coffee roasted for the Class of 2020 by Little River Roasting Co. and instructions on how to request a signed Bible or Wofford book.

Prestigious faculty awards

The pandemic delayed the celebration of faculty award winners who are formally recognized during the college's Commencement exercises.

Dr. Cissy Fowler, associate professor and department chair of sociology and anthropology, has been awarded the Philip Covington Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Humanities and Social Sciences. Dr. Stefanie Baker, professor and associate chair of biology, has been awarded the Roger Milliken Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Science. [Read more.](#)

One of the best

Wofford remains one of the nation's top liberal arts colleges and among the best values in higher education, according to U.S. News & World Report's 2021 edition of "America's Best Colleges." The publication has updated its college rankings, and Wofford moved up three places on the list of National Liberal Arts Colleges, climbed 19 spots on the social mobility ranking and moved up 15 positions in value rankings. [Read more.](#)

Symposium focused on race, justice

The college will host a Symposium Series on Race and Justice. The first event — Voting: a right and a responsibility — will be held at **6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22** (National Voter Registration Day) via Zoom. [[Register here](#)].

The symposium series, sponsored by the Office of the President and the Tyson Family Lecture Series, includes three events that will consider, within the context of the liberal arts, historical and ongoing issues of race and justice in the world and at Wofford College. This collective experience will feature readings, scholarly discussion and opportunities for the greater Wofford community to reflect on race and justice.

The first event will feature speakers and scholars in discussions ranging from suffrage and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to the restoration of voting rights and reengagement in political systems. Panelists during the event include:

- Dr. David Alvis, Wofford College associate professor of government and international affairs.
- Mitchell D. Brown, Equal Justice Works Fellow, Ottinger Foundation, Southern Coalition for Social Justice.
- Karen Mitchell, president of the League of Women Voters, Spartanburg.
- Student panelists from the Student-Athlete Advisory Council, College Democrats and College Republicans.

Pre-event recommendation: Read or listen to Rep. John Lewis' Posthumous Op Ed from The New York Times.

Listen to [Morgan Freeman reading](#) the John Lewis op ed.

Read "[Together You Can Redeem the Soul of Our Nation](#)," by John Lewis as published in The Times.

Visit Wofford.edu/woffordvotes to learn more about voting initiatives at Wofford.

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